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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION STATE INFO DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
FROM COMDT COGARD WASHDC APRIL 24, REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L

COAST GUARD PATROLS IN STRAITS OF FLORIDA (U)

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1. (C) THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO REF A WHICH CONCERNS LEVEL OF COGARD
CAPABILITY TO ASSIST IN ENFORCEMENT OF US NEUTRALITY LAWS AND POSSI-
BILITY

OF INCREASING IT. AS DEPT OF STATE WILL RECALL WE AGREED IN 1971 THAT
CAY SAL PATROL WOULD BE TERMINATED GRADUALLY IN SUCH WAYS THAT
THERE
WOULD

BE NO ABRUPT CHANGE IN COGARD PRESENCE IN FLORIDA STRAITS. ALTHOUGH
THIS HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY JANUARY 1972, COGARD CONTINUED TO DO
SOME PATROLLING BECAUSE OF SEARCH AND RESCUE AND GENERAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT REQUIREMENTS.

ALL FORMAL PATROLS WERE, HOWEVER, DISCONTINUED IN JANUARY 1973, BUT
THEIR

FUNCTIONS CONTINUED TO BE CARRIED OUT BY VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT
COMBINING

THESE WITH OTHER DUTIES. PATTERN OF ACTIVITY IN STRAITS OVER THIS
PERIOD

HAS SHIFTED FROM THE CAY SAL AREA TO THAT ALONG FLORIDA KEYS AND REEF

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FROM MIAMI TO DRY TORTUGAS.
2. (C) ADDED FACTOR IS THAT ENFORCEMENT OF US NEUTRALITY LAWS HAS

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INCREASINGLY RELIED UPON INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY
COGARD
AND OTHER AGENCIES INCLUDING OBSERVATIONS MADE DURING NORMAL
COGARD
MOVEMENTS ON AND OVER OFFSHORE AREAS. COGARD RESPONDS
APPROPRIATELY,
AND THIS HAS INCLUDED FORMATION OF AD HOC PATROLS AT TIMES TO ACHIEVE
SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES. PURSUIT OF ROUTINE COGARD MISSIONS WILL ASSURE
CONTINUANCE INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS AND COGARD PRESENCE IN OFFSHORE
AREAS.

3. (C) WHILE REINSTITUTION OF FORMER CAY SAL PATROL WOULD NOT
NECESSARILY
BE APPROPRIATE IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT FROM
A
FOREIGN RELATIONS VIEWPOINT THERE MAY BE A NEED FOR INCREASED
PRESENCE OF
SURFACE PATROLS IN THE FLORIDA STRAITS. IF DEPT OF STATE CONSIDERS
INCREASED DETERRENCE SHOULD BE ACCORDED HIGH PRIORITY FROM
FOREIGN
RELATIONS
VIEWPOINT, COGARD READY TO REVIEW MEANS FOR EFFECTING THAT END. IT IS
OUR
UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE ARE OTHER PROBLEMS SUCH AS THOSE WHICH
MIGHT
ARISE AS CONSEQUENCE OF BAHAMIANDEPENDENCE WHICH MIGHT ALSO HAVE
A

BEARING UPON REQUIREMENTS FOR COGARD FORCES IN THE AREA.
SIMULTANEOUS
REVIEW OF THESE MIGHT WELL BE IN ORDER ALSO TO ALLOW COGARD TO LAY
PLANS FOR MEETING SUCH REQUIREMENTS. IN LIGHT RECENT EVENTS AND
CASES IN STRAITS
AND OTHERS WHICH MIGHT BE EXPECTED, COGARD EXPECTS REVISE
OPERATIONAL
INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMANDER SEVENTH DISTRICT. PRELIMINARY TO DOING
SO
WE
WOULD LIKE TO CONSULT FURTHER REGARDING OBJECTIVES OF ANY PATROLS,
MISSIONS AND SCENARIOS FOR PATROLS AS WELL AS COORDINATING RELATION-
SHIPS OF INTERESTED AGENCIES SUCH AS INS AND JUSTICE.

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4 (C) IF REVIEW RESULTS IN REQUIREMENT FOR INCREASED COGARD ACTIVITY,
THAT REQUIREMENT WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF FUNDAMENTAL
ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY BEING MAINTAINED WITH RESTRICTED RESOURCES AT
HAND.

FURTHER, IF ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WOULD BE REQUIRED, RECOURSE MUST
BE

THROUGH

NORMAL BUDGETARY PROCESS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF
FACT

THAT COMING FISCAL YEAR WILL BRING SIZEABLE CUTS IN COGARD FORCES.

5 (U) FOR NEAR TERM, REVIEW OF COAST GUARD SURFACE PATROL
CAPABILITY

IS UNDERWAY AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED SHORTLY.

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